

RUSS WALKER



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

RUSS WALKER, A PROFESSOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AT MESA STATE COLLEGE, HAS BEEN A GRAND JUNCTION RESIDENT SINCE 1990. RUSS'S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND INCLUDES SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP PROJECTS; MOST NOTABLY, THE REMOVAL OF URANIUM MILL TAILINGS. SINCE 1993, RUSS HAS TAUGHT ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AT MESA STATE AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE RIVERFRONT COMMISSION FROM 1998 TO 2001. CURRENT PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS FOCUS ON STREAM, LAKE, AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND RESTORATION.

RUSS'S PERSONAL INTERESTS INCLUDE HIKING AND MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDING. RUSS IS MARRIED AND HAS A 3-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER. WHEN TIME ALLOWS, RUSS TRIES "TO IMMERSE MYSELF IN THIS SPECTACULAR NATURAL SYSTEM THAT WE LIVE IN, UNDERSTAND IT BETTER, AND WRESTLE WITH THE BIG QUESTION OF HOW WE CAN LIVE IN WESTERN COLORADO IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T DESTROY THE DESIRABILITY OF THE AREA."

RUSS SEES HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE CCNCA ADVISORY COUNCIL AS "AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS THAT WOULD DETERMINE HOW WELL THE LAND HEALTH WAS PROTECTED AS THE NCA EXPERIENCED INCREASING USE." RUSS HAS A KEEN INTEREST IN COLLABORATIVE LAND-MANAGEMENT EFFORTS AND VIEWS HIS PARTICIPATION IN THIS PLANNING PROCESS AS A WAY TO OBSERVE FROM THE "INSIDE," AS WELL AS TO BRING THIS HANDS-ON PERSPECTIVE TO HIS STUDENTS AS MESA STATE.